

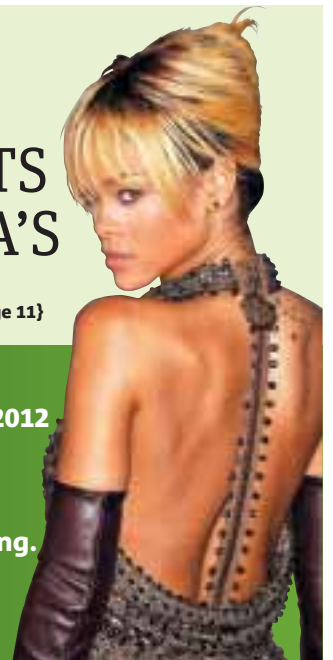


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News worth sharing.

Body parts possibly found in downtown dumpster

► Forensics experts working around the clock, witnesses being interviewed ► No evidence anyone else is in danger, police say

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The "suspicious circumstances" police began investigating on Monday have now been ruled Winnipeg's fifth homicide.

Police swarmed a dumpster sandwiched between a highrise apartment block on Smith Street and the Dhoom Restaurant and Lounge on Donald Street Monday morning after an individual, rumoured to be a restaurant employee, found "items of concern," said police.

A large area was enclosed with police tape as investigators with white masks and coveralls roused through the dumpster.

On Tuesday morning, Cst. Jason Michalyszen told the media police have "located evidence to support that a homicide has taken place."

That evidence was apparently body parts, as media have reported witnesses as saying severed hands were found in the dumpster. Police would not confirm or deny they found body parts.

"We're very confident that by day's end we'll have (identified the deceased)," said Cst. Michalyszen.

Meanwhile, residents of the apartment block are worried something may have happened in their building. Resident Justin Latchford said police asked him for identification when he went through the



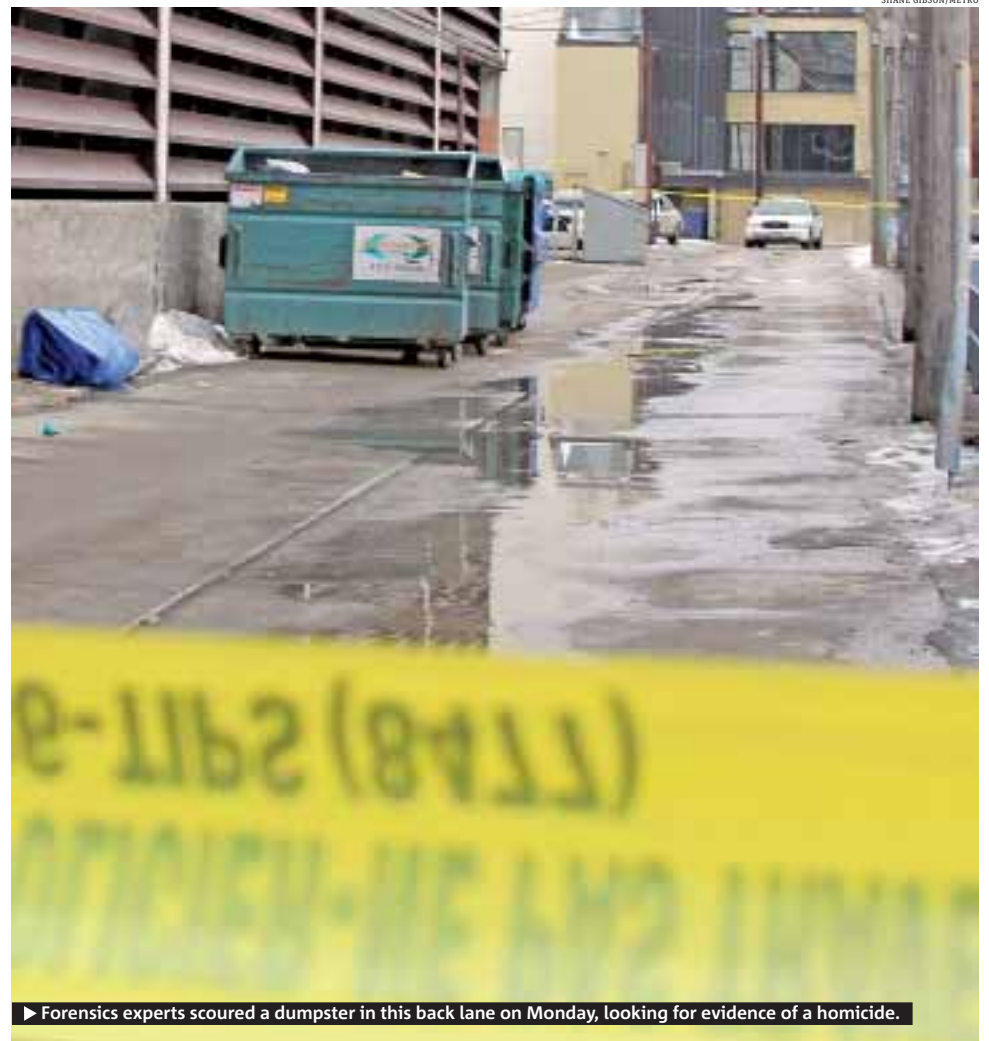
"This as a highly sensitive matter, like any situation where we're dealing with violence ... homicides. We have to keep the victim and family members in the back of our minds at all times." CST. JASON MICHALYSZEN

front doors around 3 p.m. Monday. He said they wouldn't tell him anything about what had happened.

"He copied my licence and said he'd contact me if they needed anything," said Latchford, who's lived at the apartment building since November. "It's a big building and it's easy for something to go down and no one knows about it."

An employee working at Dhoom Restaurant only said the business is co-operating with police and that the incident does not involve the restaurant.

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► Forensics experts scoured a dumpster in this back lane on Monday, looking for evidence of a homicide.

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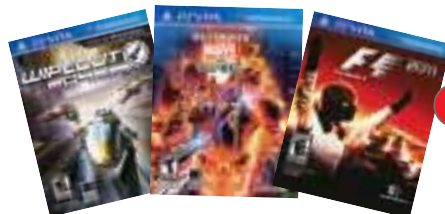
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Woman dies on slippery highway

A woman died on the Perimeter Highway on Tuesday morning after a two-vehicle crash.

RCMP said the 54-year-old woman, a resident of Winnipeg, was driving westbound in her 2005 Chevy Cavalier when she lost control and slid into the path of an eastbound Dodge pickup truck.

Both the driver of the truck and the woman were transported to hospital. The woman died, and her name will not be released.

The male adult driver of

the truck suffered minor injuries.

RCMP said icy conditions may have been a factor in the crash. Mild temperatures combined with steadily falling snow meant Manitoba highways were more like rinks than roads on Tuesday morning.

RCMP were warning rural Manitobans to take it easy, noting that highways 59 and 75 were particularly treacherous. The Perimeter Highway was also snow-packed, with icy patches. Rural collisions, including

one between an SUV and a bus, were reported on Tuesday. No one was seriously injured in that crash.

Snow, fog and poor driving conditions meant several school divisions outside Winnipeg were closed.

Snow for Winnipeg didn't end until Tuesday afternoon, dumping two more centimetres on the city. City officials deployed snow-clearing equipment on secondary streets after the major routes were plowed. ● METRO



▶ A Winnipeg woman was killed when she lost control of her car on the Perimeter Highway on Tuesday. Snow, fog and ice made for treacherous driving conditions.

Breaking the ice for spring thaw

▶ Province starts yearly ice-jam mitigation ▶ New machine takes over for oldest Amphibex



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The province hasn't wasted any time putting its new Amphibex AE 400 to work after announcing its purchase less than two weeks ago.

The \$1.2-million machine joined the province's two other machines on the Red River, north of Selkirk, on Tuesday morning to begin getting the ice ready for the spring thaw.

"Our productivity should be a little better this year because the ice is about 24 inches in thickness — four to six inches less than last year," Steve

Topping, executive director of Manitoba infrastructure and transportation, said at the kickoff.

The new Amphibex machine replaces the province's first machine, which was acquired several years ago. Topping says the older machine will be kept off the ice unless one of the three newer ones breaks down.

The province began cutting ice in the area about two weeks ago, and now the Amphibex machines will move in to break a channel through to let the ice move freely.

Topping says the plan is to break ice along the Red River right up to the Selkirk Bridge over the



▶ Manitoba's new Amphibex AE 400 breaks ice along the Red River, north of Selkirk, on Tuesday. Thinner ice this year means the breakup is getting started roughly two weeks earlier than last year.

next few weeks, but adds that the plan could include parts of the river south of the bridge if time

allows.

"It very much depends on the ice breakup," he said.

This marks the seventh season the province has embarked on ice-break-ing.

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The Queen should hang in the arena: Queen's Guard

► Portrait sitting in a dusty warehouse ► Owner wants to see her in Winnipeg ► True North says it's not interested in having it at MTS Centre



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► Queen's Guard, from left, Shawn Vidal, Ryan Wiebe and Jay Justenvogt, stand with Her Majesty Matt Janzen at the MTS Centre Tuesday.



The Queen and three guards spotted at Friday's Winnipeg Jets game are part of a regal movement to return Her Majesty's wayward portrait to Winnipeg.

The likeness in question, a five-by-seven-metre portrait commissioned in 1979 for the old Winnipeg arena, has been sitting in a Whitby, Ont. warehouse for 10 years.

"We kind of feel bad for her. We'd like her to have a proper home and we think that should be in Winnipeg," said Queen's Guard member Shawn Vidal.

Vidal and a few friends got the idea for their campaign last fall and started

a @ReturnOurQueen Twitter account and a Facebook page.

They had an "arts-and-crafts day" and sewed together Queen's Guard costumes, which accompanied a framed poster of Her Majesty to the Jets' home opener.

The Queen (Matt Janzen in real life) won't be at every game, Vidal said, as she is sharing her season ticket with other people.

"Even the Queen can't get tickets to every game," Vidal lamented.

The old Queen portrait is now owned by Vancouver singer/songwriter Tim Lawson. Reached by phone, Lawson confirmed he is looking to sell.

"When it comes time to make a decision, I would lean in favour of

Some Royal tweeting

The quest to bring the Queen's portrait back to Winnipeg has been making royal waves on Twitter.

On Saturday, Andrew Coyne, National Post columnist and frequent political pundit on CBC, tweeted to his 25,000 plus Twitter followers.

"I am honoured to support

@ReturnOurQueen in their courageous campaign to reinstall the portrait of Her Majesty in the MTS Centre. #gojetsgo," said Coyne.

"@acoynne I thank thee for thy support. We simply must do high tea at the palace when next you visit London Town," replied @ReturnOurQueen, to which Coyne quipped, "I would be honoured, Ma'am," followed shortly after by "Also: Go Jets Go!" ● SEAN LEDWICH

Winnipeg. It's not so much a matter of money," Lawson said.

"It would delight me if it went there. I love Winnipeg."

True North spokesman Scott Brown said there are no plans to purchase the old portrait as it would be unsuitable for hanging in the new arena.

Gang-prevention funding not enough: Group

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While the Federal Government announced Tuesday it'll begin taking applications for the next phase of Public Safety Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Program, the head of one local community-based project said it's not enough to keep kids away from gangs.

"We're just scratching the surface with what we're getting," said Jamil Mahmood, head of the Spence Neighbourhood Association following the announcement. "We're stretching every penny we have, but it's not enough."

The government has budgeted \$7.5 million for the fund this year across Canada and will take applications until April 9.

Saint-Boniface MP Shelly Glover made the announcement on behalf of Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews, and she asked Mahmood to tell gathered journalists about the benefits of the fund, which his organization had used over the last four years.

He surprised Glover by asking his own questions of her during the planned event.

"(This time) it's Canada-wide, and last time it was



► Jamil Mahmood, left, speaks to the press.

targeted to specific regional areas where there's higher gang activities, and I was curious as to why that happened?" he asked.

Glover said the fate of potential projects would be decided by the quality of their application and not by their geographic region, but noted Aboriginal communities are their focus.

Mahmood said his group has been told their youth outreach program—which he estimates has been helped 50 kids every year—would likely not meet the requirements to receive funding this year so they've changed directions slightly.

"Rather than the focus being on just keeping kids out of jail and out of gangs, we're going to focus on building cultural connections as well," he said after the press conference. "The funding levels are pretty low so it's hard to run intensive projects."

Riverwood. Fire



► A burned-out stove sits on the front lawn of a home that saw a fire Monday night.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Fire sparks \$220K damage

There were no reported injuries after a fire broke out at a home on Riverwood Avenue late Monday night. Winnipeg police said the fire broke out about 11:30 p.m. at the house in the 600 block of Riverwood Avenue. The fire caused about \$220,000 in damage.

Pension time bomb?

► **Minister to younger Canadians: Reforms now — or you'll pay later**

The federal government on Tuesday aimed its pension-cutting pitch at younger Canadians.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said in Toronto on Tuesday the coming federal budget will define major changes to old age security, the program that gives about \$500 a month to 98 per cent of people over 65.

Unless the government acts now, younger Canadians will face impossible choices of higher taxes, higher deficits or fewer social programs, she said.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be pegged into a situation where we are faced with a choice between the country's financial security, and our commitment to aging Canadians who have worked long and hard to build this great nation."

Finley added: "We will



► Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, pictured in Toronto on Tuesday, gave her personal guarantee that current retirees won't be touched.

need to ensure that our government has the fiscal room to meet the various needs of an aging population ... without putting an undue tax burden on younger generations."

While other countries have acted to increase the age of eligibility to keep in

"Pushing seniors into poverty is not leadership."

NEW DEMOCRAT MP
MATTHEW KELLWAY, SPEAKING
AFTER FINLEY'S SPEECH

line with aging populations, Canada has stood

still, she said. "It's ticking along as if things haven't changed demographically in 50 years."

Finley did not say how changes would affect low-income seniors who depend on pension benefits to stay above water.

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RESPONSE TO CULL

New rules protect sled dogs

A working dog's life has just got a little easier.

Almost two years after a gruesome sled dog cull, the B.C. government has introduced another layer of protection for working dogs.

The Sled Dog Code of Practice sets out standards of care for

everything from health, nutrition and housing to working conditions, transportation and euthanasia.

The new rules come after the B.C. chapter of the SPCA uncovered a mass grave of 56 sled dogs near Whistler last year. The case drew international outrage.

Marcie Moriarty, general manager of cruelty investigations, said the regulations will "provide minimum standards that will improve working dogs' welfare."

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Parents fit for trial

The parents of a toddler whose remains were found in a suitcase in Jamaica have been declared fit to stand trial.

The couple appeared in a Jamaican court and were remanded until March 2.

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Veterans get pledge

Ottawa will make it easier for veterans to understand their disability benefits.

It promises to improve the information given to veterans as to why they have been awarded or denied benefits.

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'Love affair' made the spycatchers chuckle

Coquettish correspondence between Tory MP Bob Dechert and a Chinese reporter was more of a comedy than a thriller for Canada's spy service, it seems.

Emails suggest some within the Canadian Security Intelligence Service got a chuckle out of the whole affair.

One email carries the subject line "By far, my favourite news story this year."

A recipient wrote back: "Scandal.. haha."

The emails circulated around CSIS after news

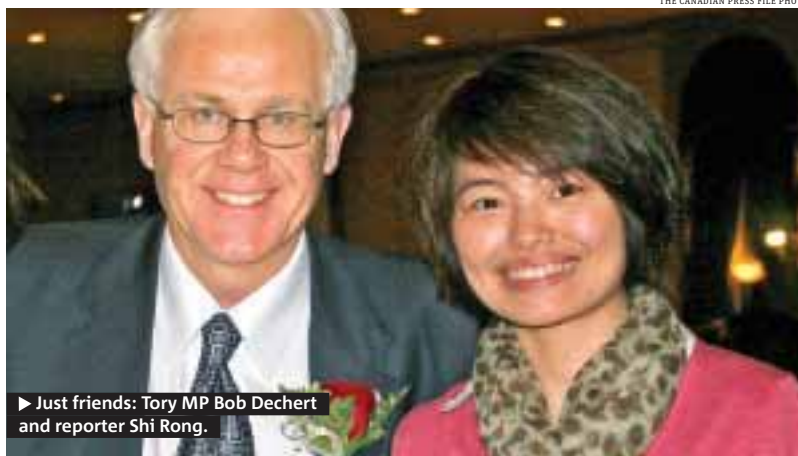
broke of Dechert's flirtatious exchange with Xinhua news agency correspondent Shi Rong.

Dechert, parliamentary secretary to Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, has insisted his relationship with Shi was an innocent friendship.

"The person is a journalist whom I have come to know as a friend," Dechert said last year.

"These emails are flirtatious, but the friendship remained innocent and simply that, a friendship."

Their correspondence dates back to 2010. "You



► Just friends: Tory MP Bob Dechert and reporter Shi Rong.

'Scandal.. haha'

- The Canadian Press obtained the documents under the Access to Information Act.
- Shi Rong has been reassigned to China.

are so beautiful. I really like the picture of you by the water with your cheeks puffed. That look is so cute. I love it when you do that. Now, I miss you even more," wrote Dechert in an email sent on April 17, 2010.

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Vodka a comfort: Officer

An off-duty RCMP officer accused of obstructing justice in a fatal motorcycle accident says he downed two shots of vodka immediately afterwards to comfort himself, not to thwart the investigation.

Cpl. Monty Robinson told B.C. Supreme Court Tuesday he drove his children home from the crash

site in 2008, got them settled upstairs and then drank the alcohol.

Crown lawyer Kris Pechet has accused Robinson of minimizing the amount of liquor he consumed before the crash that killed 21-year-old Orion Hutchinson in Delta, B.C.

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NDP ranks soar on eve of big vote

A record number of card-carrying New Democrats are eligible to choose the federal party's next leader, with British Columbia and Ontario holding the key to victory.

Final membership num-

bers released Tuesday by the party show membership has swelled to 128,351, an increase of just over 50 per cent since the start of the leadership contest last October.

All members are entitled to cast ballots, starting March 1 and culminating in a leadership convention on March 24.

Thomas Mulcair is considered the front-runner.

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Help for at-risk women

The missing women's inquiry has released four reports meant to spark debate about how to protect and police B.C.'s most vulnerable women.

The reports make recommendations to improve safety for the women of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and for those who still insist on hitchhiking

along northern B.C.'s Highway of Tears.

There have been a series of unsolved murders along Highway 16, which runs between Prince George and Prince Rupert, and dozens of women disappeared while serial killer Robert Pickton stalked the Downtown Eastside.

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around the world

► Revellers hit the streets to indulge themselves on Fat Tuesday before Lent begins ► From Portugal to New Orleans, excess was the theme du jour



► The Zulu Parade moves through the central business district of New Orleans on Tuesday.

Bathed in spring-like warmth and showered with trinkets, beads and music, New Orleans revelled in the excesses of Fat Tuesday.

A seemingly endless stream of costumed marching groups and ornately decorated float parades led by make-believe royalty poured out of the Garden District, while the French Quarter filled up with thrill seekers expecting to see debauchery.

And they did.

Some in the Quarter had a sleepless night after Monday's Lundi Gras prequel party. The drinking was in full swing again shortly after dawn, and with it came outrageous

costumes and flesh-flashing that would continue until police make their annual attempt to break up the merrymaking at midnight, when Lent begins.

Tom White, 46, clad in a pink tutu, bicycled with his wife, Allison, to the French Quarter. "I'm the pink fairy this year," he said. "Costuming is the real fun of Mardi Gras. I'm not too creative, but when you weigh 200 pounds and put on a tutu, people still take your picture."

His wife was not in costume. "He's disgraced the family enough," she said.

Brittany Davies struggled with her friends

through the morning, feeling the effects of heavy drinking from the night before.

"They're torturing me," the Denver woman joked. "But I'll be OK after a Bloody Mary." Indeed, the theme of the day was party hard and often.

Across the globe, people dressed up in elaborate costumes and partied the day away. In Rio de Janeiro, an estimated 850,000 tourists joined the city's massive five-day blowout. Meanwhile, the Portuguese, who have suffered deeply in Europe's debt crisis, defied a government appeal to keep working.

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Mardi Gras

Across the Gulf Coast, Mardi Gras was getting into full swing.

- In the Cajun country of southwest Louisiana, masked riders were preparing to go from town to town in the Courir du Mardi Gras.
- Parades were scheduled elsewhere around Louisiana and on the Mississippi and Alabama coasts.
- The end of Mardi Gras gives way to the beginning of Lent, the period of fasting and repentance before Easter Sunday.

word for wolf.

The royals got the puppy several months ago and he is keeping the duchess company while William is on military assignment as a Royal Air Force search and rescue helicopter pilot in the Falkland Islands.

Press officers had initially refused to provide the dog's name, citing the royal couple's privacy, but the information emerged Tuesday while the duchess met children in Oxford, southern England.

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Oops! Kate lets royal puppy's name slip

British royal officials say Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge have named their black cocker spaniel puppy

Lupo.

The palace says William and Kate Middleton both like the name, derived from the Latin

Scream painting could fetch \$80M

One of four versions of Edvard Munch's masterpiece *The Scream* will be sold this spring in New York, Sotheby's auction house announced Tuesday.

Sotheby's estimates that the work, which has become a modern icon of human anxiety, will sell for \$80 million or more.

The 1895 drawing of a man holding his head and screaming under a streaked, blood-red sky is being sold by Norwegian businessman Petter Olsen, whose father was a friend and patron of Munch's. It is the only version of *The Scream* still in private



► The Scream

hands.

The work will lead Sotheby's impressionist and modern sale on May 2. Olsen said proceeds will go toward the establishment of a new museum, art centre and hotel in Hvitsten, Norway. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Ex-IMF chief questioned over prostitution probe

French police questioned former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-



► Strauss-Kahn

Kahn all day Tuesday in a probe into a suspected hotel-prostitution ring.

Strauss-Kahn, a one-time French presidential hopeful whose chances were derailed by a sexual-assault accusation in New York, arrived at the police station in the city of

Lille for a prearranged morning appointment. He hadn't emerged by Tuesday night and French media reported that he would be held overnight.

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Republicans face tough choices

Republican voters are facing a stark choice in the remaining state contests to pick a nominee to challenge President Barack Obama — a decision between the traditional, business-friendly Mitt Romney or the hard-charging social conservatism of Rick Santorum.

Former speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich has faded badly after a stunning rise in the polls earlier this year.

The fourth candidate, Texas Rep. Ron Paul, is

plugging along in last place but accumulating delegate totals that could give him a significant voice in the party's late August convention, where the nominee will be officially chosen. Voters will choose between Obama and the eventual Republican nominee in a general election in early November.

As the U.S. economy shows signs of catching fire after languishing through two years of near-stagnation in the aftermath of the 2007-2009 Great Recession, Santorum is calculating that appeals to so-called ultraconservative-values voters will play best through the remainder of the nominating contests.

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Food blocked by al-Shabab: Kenyan army

► Southern Somalia on brink of humanitarian crisis, say officials

The Kenyan army is blaming militants for blocking the movement of food and other goods into southern Somalia, which officials say is in the beginning stages of a humanitarian crisis.

Khadra Muhamud Aden, a Somali woman in her 80s, says food supplies are running low because there is no way to transport food from either the Kenyan border or the Somali port of Kismayo because of fighting between Kenyan troops and the al-Qaida-affiliated Somali militant group al-Shabab. The cutting of food supplies has slowed the Kenyan army's advance to-

Kenya's stance

► Kenya sent hundreds of troops into Somalia in October to pursue al-Shabab militants whom it accuses for cross-border attacks and the kidnapping of ten Kenyans and four Europeans, which threatened to destroy Kenya's tourism industry, a key source of revenue for the economy.

ward Kismayo. Troops are delivering food aid in an attempt to win favour in areas formerly controlled by al-Shabab. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mouth. Shut



► A Palestinian woman holds a poster depicting Islamic Jihad member Khader Adnan with a locked mouth during a demonstration in Jerusalem Tuesday.

BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Free to end hunger strike

Adnan agreed to end his 66-day hunger strike protesting his imprisonment without charge, after reaching a deal with Israel that will free him in April, the Israeli Justice Ministry said Tuesday.

Afghans outraged over burned Qur'ans

The U.S. apologized Tuesday for the burning of Muslim holy books that had been pulled from the shelves of a detention centre library adjoining a major base in eastern Afghanistan because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions.

The White House echoed military officials in saying that the burning of Qur'ans and other Islamic reading material that had been tossed in a pile of garbage was an accident.

But more than 2,000



► Afghan protesters shout slogans in front of the U.S. base of Bagram, Tuesday.

Afghans protested the incident outside the Bagram Air Base that stoked rising anti-foreign sentiment and fueled Afghan claims that foreign troops disrespect their culture and religion.

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Judge defends ruling for abortion

A retired Massachusetts judge is defending her decision to order a mentally ill woman to have an abortion and be sterilized against

her wishes. Christina Harms, who retired last month, defended her ruling in a letter she sent Monday to other Massachusetts family court judges, saying she believed the schizophrenic woman would have chosen to have an abortion if she had been mentally competent. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Emergency aid thwarted as Syrian battle rages on

Syrian gunners pounded rebel strongholds in the besieged city of Homs on Tuesday, killing at least 30 people and bringing frantic cries for help from residents who say food and water are running dangerously low, according to activists.

With shells reportedly raining down at a rate of 10 per minute at one point in rebellious districts, the Red Cross called for a daily two-hour ceasefire so that it can deliver emergency aid to the wounded and sick.

"If they don't die in the shelling, they will die of hunger," activist and resident Omar Shaker told The Associated Press after hours of intense shelling concentrated on rebel-held Baba Amr, which the opposition has extolled as a symbol of their 11-month uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime.

Russia, one of Assad's remaining allies, urged the United Nations to send a special envoy to Syria to help co-ordinate security issues and delivery of hu-



► A Syrian boy chants slogans Monday during a rally demanding UNICEF to protect Syrian children in front of the UNICEF Compound in Amman, Jordan.

manitarian assistance.

Assad's forces showed no sign of easing their assault on Homs, whose defiance has become an embarrassing counterpoint to the regime's insistence that the opposition is mostly armed factions with limited public support.

The rebel defences in Homs are believed to be bolstered by hundreds of military defectors, which has possibly complicated attempts by Syrian troops to stage an offensive.

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Death count

► Another 33 people were killed in northern Syria's mountainous Jabal al-Zawiya region when government forces raided a town in pursuit of regime opponents, raising Tuesday's overall death toll to 63, activists said.

► The Local Coordination Committees said more than 100 were killed Tuesday, but the report could not be confirmed.

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RIM releases new PlayBook update



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► An employee holds a BlackBerry Playbook tablet at Research in Motion's annual meeting in July 2011.

► Analysts say the long-delayed announcement may come too late for the struggling company, which still lags behind in the growing tablet market

Ten months after the release of Research in Motion's first tablet, the device finally has an app to access email.

But analysts say it may be too late for the Waterloo, Ont.-based company to make a dent in the tablet market, particularly with a new iPad rumoured to be on the way, possibly within weeks.

RIM released an update for its PlayBook tablet Tuesday, adding a host of fea-

tures including the ability to access email without connecting to a BlackBerry or using a web-based account. The email app can consolidate corporate and personal accounts as well as messages from social networks including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

"It's just so difficult to break into this market or really significantly change it at this point," said Mark Tauschek, lead research analyst for Info-Tech Research

Group.

The 2.0 version of the PlayBook operating system also includes web browser enhancements, new calendar, contacts and video chat apps, and an updated version of BlackBerry Bridge. That app allows users to control a BlackBerry as though it were a remote control for a PlayBook. Users can also open a document on a BlackBerry and have it viewed on a PlayBook. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tablet trounced

- According to a survey by the Media Technology Monitor, about 11 per cent of anglophone Canadians said they owned a tablet late last year.
- The vast majority, about 71 per cent, said they owned an iPad, while 13 per cent said they had a PlayBook. Another 13 per cent said they had a competing tablet device.

U.K. court OK's serving claims via Facebook

Status update: You're sued.

Legal authorities said Tuesday that a High Court judge in England has approved the use of Facebook to serve legal claims.

Lawyers in a commercial dispute were granted permission last week to serve a suit against a defendant via the popular social networking site.

Justice Nigel Teare permitted the unconventional method of service during a pretrial hearing into a case which pits two investment managers against a brokerage firm they accuse of overcharging them.

A former trader and an ex-broker, Fabio De Biase and Anjam Ahmad, are also alleged to have been in on the scam.

Jenni Jenkins, who represents Ahmad, said

lawyers in the case had been trying to track De Biase in order to serve him with legal documents. She said that a copy of the suit was left at his last known address, but that it wasn't clear whether he was still living there.

The lawyers didn't have his email address, so they applied for permission to send him the claim through Facebook.

Jenkins, an associate with London-based law firm Memery Crystal, said the lawyers were confident that de Biase's account was still active.

De Biase was given extra time to respond to the claim "to allow for the possibility that he wasn't accessing his account regularly," she added.

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December sales down: StatsCan

HOLIDAY RETAIL. Canadian shoppers reined in spending before Christmas this year as retail sales slumped 0.2 per cent in December despite apparent deep discount sales from stores.

The fall-off followed a revised 0.4 per cent pop in November, an indication that shoppers had both completed their Christmas shopping early and were cautious consumers during the holiday season, analysts said.

An RBC post-holiday poll released at about the same time as the Statistics Canada data found 69 per cent of respondents said they managed to keep their Christmas spending in check.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chorus pairing with Air Canada to counter WestJet

REGIONAL AIRLINES. The parent company of regional carrier Jazz Air will work to help Air Canada compete with Calgary-based WestJet when their rival launches a low-fare airline serving smaller domestic markets, Chorus Aviation chief executive Joe Randell said Tuesday.

WestJet recently announced it will launch a low-fare, no-frills regional airline, expected to intensify competition in smaller domestic markets with rival Air Canada and regional partner Jazz Air for business and leisure class travellers.

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Doubts remain after Greek bailout passed

A second, \$172 billion US bailout and a deep debt write-off for financially stricken Greece will ward off a financial disaster in Europe.

Economists, however, only give the deal a slim chance of putting the country on the path to economic recovery — and steadying its place in Europe's currency union.

Agreement on the bailout, reached early Tuesday after an all-night summit of finance ministers seven months after it

was first proposed, will give Greece \$172 billion US in loans through 2014 from other eurozone governments and the International Monetary Fund. It's the country's second bailout, following a previous rescue in 2010 that didn't return the country to solvency.

The agreement also assumes that banks and investors owed money by Greece will take new bonds that reduce their holdings by more than half.

The finance ministers from Greece and the other 16 countries that use the euro wrangled until the early morning over the details of the rescue, squeezing final last-minute concessions out of private holders of Greek debt who agreed to lose 53.5 per cent of the face value of their investment to avoid even more severe losses expected if Greece fails to pay 14.5 billion euro in debt coming due March 20.

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Fear of failure

- The fear is that an uncontrolled bankruptcy could unleash market panic across the rest of the continent, further unsettling other struggling debt-stricken countries such as Italy or Spain.
- Risks of failure include the chance that Greece's economy remains in a deep recession instead of returning to growth in 2013 as the deal assumes.



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► Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos speaks during a news conference in Athens on Tuesday.

AND THE AWARD FOR LARGEST DEMOGRAPHIC GOES TO ...

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO



The Oscars are coming up this Sunday.

I love the Oscars — the glitz, the fun, the drama, the suspense.

Of course, when my favourite movie doesn't win and some piece of schmaltz does, I'm left braying at the TV: "Who voted for Driving Miss Daisy? Who are these people? Don't they know anything?"

Now, thanks to the LA Times, I have the answer, which is: People Just Like Me.

After an exhaustive and pointless investigation — pointless because even though millions are starving and the planet is in peril, the LA Times is squandering precious dwindling journalistic resources on revealing the demographic makeup of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — the results confirm your worst nightmare.

Ninety-four per cent of the people who vote the Oscars are white. Seventy-seven per cent are male. Their median age is 62, and just 14 per cent of the membership is under 50.

Two per cent are black.

This explains a lot. Like why Steven Spielberg must be nominated for something every year, even if it's War Horse. Steven Spielberg is the king of all the old white guys.

It explains why your little indie fave did not get nominated for best picture. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, which stars Tom Hanks, the duke of all the old white guys, did.

It explains why Bob Hope hosted the Oscars 18 times and why Billy Crystal's back this year, after Oscar's tragic experiment with the under-50 demographic last year. Remember James Franco and Anne Hathaway? Why send a couple of dumb kids out to do an old white guy's job when you can get Billy?

Eddie Murphy was supposed to host the Oscars this year, but quit to support show producer Brett Ratner (old white guy) who was fired for an alleged racial slur. How's that for irony?

Anyway, now that Billy's back, order has been restored in the old-white-guy universe, and we can get on with voting for Steve.

The problem, as anyone who ever hangs out in west L.A. knows, is that almost everyone in the movie business is an old white guy, and it's really hard to break in unless, like their descendants, you "know somebody." So if you're black, Latino, female and — especially — under 50, shut up and go to Sundance.

That said, the boys are suckers for interracial drama (see Driving Miss Daisy). And The Help, which takes a timely, fearless look at interracial drama circa 1963, is nominated this year. So my peeps are going to have a tough time deciding between that and Steve Who Must Be Nominated.

My money's on The Help. We may be old, but we're enlightened.

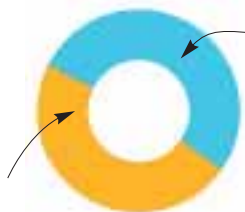
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Local tweets



- ▶ **@coldcanuck:** Sloppy day out there today
- ▶ Winnipeg...Guess that's why we are Slurpee capital...not only do we drink them we also driving in them
- ▶ **@somisguided:** Vancouver is a plant mister RT @carol-brisebois: Winnipeg is a snow globe.
- ▶ **@MattSieman:** That moment before you roll up the rim.. #anxiety #needthatcar
- ▶ **@Chantelle_Amy:** No one ever replies to my tweets... This is just like real life.
- ▶ **#nobodylistens**
- ▶ **@Tanner_Hoffman:** Damn these Winnipeg drivers drive with a purpose.
- ▶ **@PAMZIG:** On the #greyhound Winnipeg bound, let's hope they don't find any human remains on this bus. #high-expectations, #TellVicEverything
- ▶ **@stevenisright:** Bus driver has a policy of only applying the brakes within 50ft of the stop #winnipeg #transit
- ▶ **@SookyBoyy:** There's a fridge in the middle of the road on route 90 #Winnipeg #burr

Daily Zoom

Incredible bubble



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Photographer makes 'pop art'

MACROPHOTOGRAPHY. It's the humble bubble, revealed in extraordinary, psychedelic detail. Amateur photographer Jane Thomas's close-up shots capture the stunning patterns that form in soapy water before it is blown out through an ordinary bubble wand. Thomas told Metro she discovered "bubble art" while washing dishes.

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60 seconds



Jane Thomas, 58, retired music teacher and amateur photographer from Ayrshire, southwest Scotland.

How did you discover "bubble art"?

I was doing the washing

up! I saw some soap suds inside a grill pan. On closer inspection, I noticed they were changing colour and developing patterns. Straight away I thought it would be a great subject for macro-photography, so I forgot about the dishes and got out the camera! **Do you add colours to this bubble mixture?** No, I just use washing-up liquid or shampoo — the thicker and less diluted, the better, so that patterns move slower and

last longer. Like fingerprints, no two patterns are ever the same — only more colourful. The colours are natural and anyone can see them with the naked eye if they hold a flat film of soap in a ring and hold it up to the light. **What inspired you to take such colourful photographs?** My husband Geoffrey. Although he is totally blind, years of describing things to him has made me more observant. I notice things in more detail these days.

● ANTHONY JOHNSTON

Rihanna, Brown reunite

► On Monday, they both put out tracks featuring each other ► We all remember what happened three years ago ► Should we applaud their collaboration, or be appalled?

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You'll never forget that image of Rihanna from 2009, after she was beaten by her then-boyfriend, R&B singer Chris Brown. But can you forgive? Apparently, Rihanna can: On Monday, she released a remix of her hit song *Birthday Cake* featuring an appearance by Brown.

"I've been missing your body," he raps, while she adds: "I know you wanna bite this, it's so enticing." (The YouTube video she posted has no images, just text that says: "Yikes.")

Meanwhile, Brown released a track called *Turn Up the Music* with vocals by Rihanna.

Earlier that day — Rihanna's 24th birthday — the duo also tweeted one another sweet messages.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBYN," wrote Brown, using her birth name. Rihanna thanked him via retweet, just minutes later.

Their apparent reconciliation comes after controversy last week, when Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys, in-



► Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys this year, indicating the music industry had forgiven him for beating Rihanna before the 2009 Grammys.

dicating the music industry has also forgiven him.

Tweeting after the show last week, musician Miranda Lambert wrote: "Where I come from, beating up on a woman is never OK."

The whole drama leaves us wondering what this says to women who have been victims of assault within a romantic relationship.

Dr. Sheri Jacobson, clinical director of Harley Therapy, a psychotherapy centre,

believes it could send a disturbing message about how maltreatment can be overlooked, or even accepted: "In a romantic sense, it has the danger of a creating a false reality as not everyone has the mental or emotional capacity for change," she tells Metro.

"Hopefully it won't encourage people to look up to Rihanna and Brown as a new ideal, and make them think it's OK to go back to a violent partner."

On the other hand, Brown seems to have learned from his mistakes. He has apologized on television for the 2009 incident.

"I'd like to think that we can believe in people to repair, heal and develop," says Jacobson. "Brown appears to have learned his lesson and has certainly paid heavily for his behaviour toward Rihanna. In that light, it would be distressing if they were to be frowned upon — one strike

Fans react

After the birthday tweets between Brown and Rihanna, followers responded with a flurry of mixed reactions.



► **Optimism:** "C'mon guys - I love ya together!!!! Get back together! If ya really love each other! Efff these haterZ! <3 muahzz!" one fan tweeted.

► **Concern:** Another follower was less enthusiastic, tweeting to Rihanna, "Remember bobby brown and Whitney Houston and what happen to her thanks to him. I love ur singing and don't want anything to happen to you <3."

and he's out.

"If you really care for someone," she continues, "as seems to be the case here, you tend to overlook and tolerate their behaviour. You can't carry it through without some kind of human emotion, romantic or not.

And whatever happens between them, people will always be watching."

Will Good Deeds go unnoticed?

IN FOCUS

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Most "name" directors have a trademark that makes their movies instantly recognizable. Is there a long tracking shot? Must be Scorsese. How about a blue sun flare? That's Spielberg. A car trunk shot? Thanks Tarantino. A man in drag as a pistol-packing grandmother? Well that would be Tyler Perry. His trademark isn't as auspicious as, say, John Woo's slow motion

doves, but what Tyler's movies lack stylistically they generally make up in box office success.

This weekend's *Good Deeds* isn't likely to make Tyler's name synonymous with auteur, but when Forbes calls you the highest paid man in entertainment — he took home \$130 million between May 2010 and 2011 — no other title really matters. But what if you've never seen a Tyler Perry movie? For the uninitiated, here's a checklist of how to spot a Perry film.

1. Is there a character named Mabel (Madea) Simmons? She is the cornerstone on which Perry built

his empire. Perry has played the argumentative character in dozens of productions on stage, TV and in movies like *Madea Goes to Jail*. Entertainment Weekly put the character on its end-of-the-decade "best-of" list saying, "Tyler Perry's *Madea* is the profane, gun-toting granny you never had but (maybe) wish you did." Weird accent — she says things like, "Hal-luluy! Praise da lort!" — and bad behaviour aside, *Madea* is usually used to teach a lesson.

2. Is the story melodramatic, up-lifting and/or redemptive? While none of those traits are exclusive to Per-

ry's films, he manages to highlight the melodramatic aspects of his stories in ways not usually seen outside of *The Young and the Restless*. As for uplift and redemption, Perry's deeply held religious beliefs bleed into his films and plots, which frequently reference Christian values. "I don't want to do movies just to do movies," he says. "I want to do movies that inspire, motivate and change lives."

3. Do the critics hate it? If so, it might be a

Perry film. His average Rotten Tomatoes rating clocks in around 50 per cent, and The Times suggests that his movies have "a little something for everyone, as long as you're not expecting too much." Does Perry care? Not so much. "The high-brow. They don't get it," he says.

4. Lastly, and this is the dead give-away, most of his films have his name in the title.



► Tyler Perry

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Queen concert



Former American Idol singer Adam Lambert is joining landmark rock band Queen for one concert this summer, at Sonisphere 2012. Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor confirmed Tuesday that the American singer-songwriter will perform vocals for the band's headline set on the second day of the Sonisphere 2012 rock festival. The concert takes place July 7 at Knebworth Park in Stevenage, north of London. Lambert, 30, has sung with Queen before. In 2009 he performed *We Are the Champions* on the U.S. reality show that made his name and then last November he sang an eight-minute set at the MTV Europe Awards to celebrate Queen's Global Icon Award. Freddie Mercury's final concert with Queen also took place at Knebworth, in August 1986.

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Canuck sound editor David Giammarco goes from tire factory to Oscar red carpet.

Aniston denies being latest home wrecker

► Former Friends' star also squashes rumours she is pregnant with triplets

Since Justin Theroux broke up with his girlfriend of 14 years shortly before getting together with Jennifer Aniston, the former Friends star has been dodging claims that she's a home wrecker. But Aniston insists she and Theroux — who met while filming Wanderlust — didn't get together until later.

"Nothing happened on that movie," she tells GQ magazine. "It's a rumour — it's the easy rumour, but nothing happened. We were just friends."

Speaking of rumours, Aniston continues to use her current press tour to clear up a few stories floating around about her.

"I'm not having triplets. Not having twins. Nor am I having one baby. I did not elope," she tells the magazine. "The one time I do say, 'Yes! I'm pregnant!' they'll be like, 'Pfft. Right.'" **METRO**

"It's a rumour — it's the easy rumour, but nothing happened."

JENNIFER ANISTON



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► Jennifer Aniston is putting rumours to bed once again.



Klum sticking to her guns on Seal

It looks like any hope of Heidi Klum and Seal patching things up have been dashed, as Klum reportedly feels better and better about her decision to file for divorce every day, according to People magazine.

"They have had very little contact and Heidi wants to keep it this way," a source says.

"She feels less stressed out now and feels it's best to be away from Seal, so she doesn't get confused about her feelings. She is moving forward with the divorce."

Some fans held out hope for reconciliation as the famous couple contin-



► Heidi Klum

ued to wear their wedding rings — and apparently they weren't alone. **METRO**

Talking points

Sheen offers an apology to Kutcher

BUT NO APOLOGY FOR THE SHOW. Charlie Sheen clearly had second thoughts about his recent harsh words about Ashton Kutcher and the new season of Two and a Half Men, as he's issued an apology to his sitcom replacement — via TMZ, of course.

"Dear Ashton. My bad. I was disrespectful to a man doing his best," Sheen writes. "I got excited and threw you into the crossfire, but the rest of my statement I stand behind. You however, deserve better. Safety in your travels sir."

The part of his previous tirade that he's not apologizing for?

"I'm tired of pretending the show doesn't suck," he said, adding that Kutcher is "saddled with bad writing."

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Katy Perry is not Tebowing

HYPE FOR HYPE'S SAKE Tim Tebow insists that he and Katy Perry are not dating — much to the dismay of Perry's mother.

"No, there's not" any truth to the hookup rumours, Tebow tells Hollyscoop. "I'm just having fun and enjoying my life, trying to enjoy every moment and not get too caught up in any of the hype."

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Beckham hits back at critics

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Beckham is striking back at critics who have said she's been looking miserable lately.

"Look, if people want

Celebrity tweets



"I'm feeling so good this morning that I set my doomsday watch back by a whole minute."

@AlbertBrooks



@lindsaylohan

"iTunes is DRIVING ME INSANE... why does it do this? It literally, is LYING to me and saying that my security code is NOT correct & IT IS!"

@CeeLoGreen

"2012 is mine"



@Joan_Rivers

"Just found out I will not be a presenter at next week's Oscars. I did, however, get a callback for the 'death reel'."

to say I'm miserable then so be it," Beckham tells the Sunday Mirror, explaining that she's just exhausted from the combination of having new baby girl Harper to care for and a fashion line to oversee.

"And then people want to say I look crap. Well, I'm a working mom, so give me a break. I'd like there to be a break but I very much doubt it's going to happen any time soon."

When Harper sleeps that will be my break."

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A new side of Florida

► From Dali to animatronic dolphins, here's a side of Florida you never knew existed
► David Downing, of the St. Pete and Clearwater visitor bureau, shares what's hot this winter

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Great for families

"Parents magazine just rated our Fort DeSoto Park the No. 1 Family Beach in the USA," Downing says. He attributes this ranking to the fact the shallow beach is "almost like a swimming pool." The picnic areas, campgrounds and bike rentals all add to the family-friendly destination.



► The pier at Fort DeSoto.

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Pack your shades

Leave the umbrella at home. "We hold the world record for the most consecutive days of sunshine," boasts Downing. "We had 762 days of sunshine — in a row."

Live the movies

You can meet Winter, the world's most famous animatronic dolphin and inspiration for the film *Dolphin Tale*, at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. The exhibit Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure showcases Winter as well as sets from the film.

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Meet Florida's cultural side

The Dali Museum just celebrated their first anniversary of a new facility, according to Downing. "It's the most comprehensive collection of Dali's work in the world," he says.

October will mark the first major visiting exhibition by Jeff Koons.

Also a must-see? The Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg — the new director led the education department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for 18 years.

Drink up!

Although St. Petersburg might have a reputation as a sleepy beach town, Downing boasts that the nightlife is world-class.

"In a five-block radius, there are 25 bars, restaurants, nightclubs, dancing, live music — and most stay open until 3 a.m."

He tells us one of the best things about St. Petersburg is the convenient fact that you don't need a car.

"If you stay in our downtown, you can just walk around or rent a golf car for a couple of bucks to hit all of the sites," he says.



► St. Petersburg at night.

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Travel in brief



Florida's tourism agency says a record 85.9 million people visited the state last year. Visit Florida said that the estimated total was a 4.4 per cent increase over 2010 and the highest number since 2007. The number shows Florida tourism — the state's leading industry — has rebounded from a crippling recession and 2010 oil spill that kept visitors away from its beaches and attractions.

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Just in time for Carnival: A beginner's guide to Brazil's city of contrasts

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When all the glam and glare of the Vegas

lights get a bit too bright, not far away lies a little haven of casino history, set against one of the most stunning and scenic backdrops in Nevada.

Back in the day, Lake Tahoe was 'the' place where stars, dignitaries, and even the notorious Rat Pack came to stay and play while recharging their famous batteries.



► Lake Tahoe offers a respite from the lights of Las Vegas.

Now, being a major Sinatra fan, it was a particular thrill to pull up to the front entrance of the very retro, very cool, very old school Cal Neva Lodge, especially since it almost seemed as though Frank, Dean and Sammy might still be crooning a tune inside the Frank Sinatra showroom.

In fact Frank owned the resort for a few years back

in the '60s. Even the big neon sign out front hasn't changed much since the Rat Pack hung out here.

Once inside it was like walking back in time. Some slots still actually worked with real coins instead of high-tech player cards.

One of the main draw cards for me, despite my claustrophobia, was the little-known secret underground tunnel tour.



► The Rat Pack

Four days a week, Neva offers visitors a chance to go deep underground, to experience a little known piece of celebrity history. I felt like I was entering an ancient brick dungeon, as our guide explained this cramped tunnel was built so Sinatra could hide from the throngs during his daily

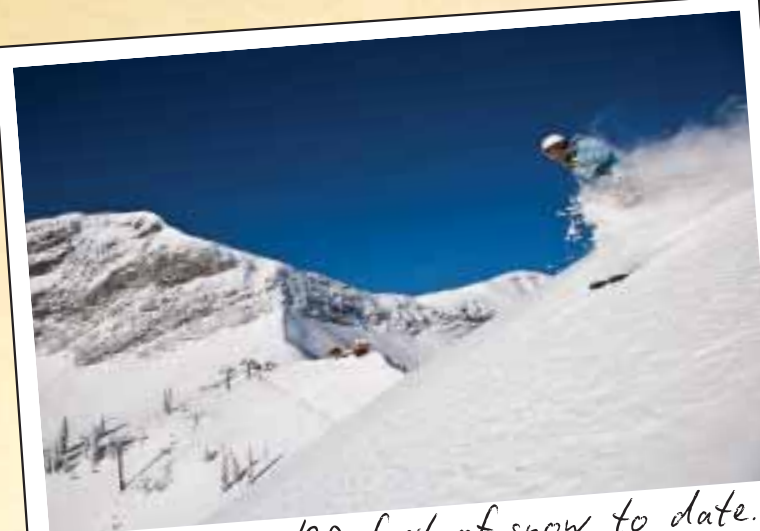
Other cool things to do in Lake Tahoe

- **Take a self-guided snowmobile tour:** Roar through the Sierras in style with your own personal machine.
- **Whitewater rafting:** Take a wild and wet ride on the Truckee river. Brave the class three rapids through the high Sierra desert on an 11-kilometre guided adventure courtesy of Tributary White Water tours.

trip from his luxury cabin out back, to the casino showroom. Deep in the bowels of this dark and spooky passageway, I noticed a small X marked on

the wall, which, it turns out, marks a very notorious spot. This is supposedly the exact place where then-president John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe consummated their clandestine relationship, while unsuspecting gamblers spent their money on the casino floor directly above.

"Ring a ding ding!" as Frank would say. That's some entertaining folklore for the \$10 tour price. The Cal Neva and other Tahoe casinos still have that intimate small-town feel. Despite the fact Tahoe has obviously expanded over the years, it has managed to retain its natural beauty. Where else can you ski and hike amid stunning scenery all morning, and still get back to the casino in time to lose the kids college money by nightfall?



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Dear friends and family,
Awesome conditions in the BC Rockies, having lots of fun! It's been so worth it to just book the time off work and school to have a break.

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My favourite spot in Canada

ERIC PETERSON: QU'APPELLE VALLEY, SASK.

My favourite place in Canada would be the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan, specifically Lake Katepwa. I grew up in Saskatchewan and we had a cottage there. It's a very beautiful valley and kind of unexpected (in this area). I think that is one of the wonders of it.

It runs north and to the east of Regina. The name Qu'Appelle is from a Cree legend. Evidently an Aboriginal person — a young brave — was returning by canoe up the lakes and he hears his name called as his wife is dying and he says "Qu'Appelle" ("Who is calling?" or "Qui appelle?" in French). His name is the last word she says and by

the time he gets there she has died. But he heard her call.

The real surprise is it's in the prairie part of the province — three-quarters of Saskatchewan is like Ontario — but in the prairie part from Prince Albert down it's the Prairies.

Driving along Highway 56 you have no indication that there is anything but prairies and then suddenly you come over this hill and it's quite breathtaking.

Of course I'm very biased to it because I spent all my summers there as a kid.

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Casablanca



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In The Chips:

Casablanca

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If you're looking to gamble on something new, why not try some potato chip cookies, a twist on the traditional snack.

We can't guarantee your friends will be shocked — but they may be mildly surprised.

Potato Chip Cookies Preparation:

- 1 In bowl of electric mixer, beat unsalted butter, with brown sugar.
- 2 Add the egg and beat again. Add the flour, baking powder, finely crushed potato chips and sliced almonds. Mix just until combined.
- 3 Scoop by teaspoonful on to parchment-lined baking sheets and bake for 10 to 12 minutes in a 180 C (350 F) oven.

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Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 packed cup) of brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 500 ml (2 cups) flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely crushed potato chips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sliced almonds

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► There's often a big difference between what the law says and what people can actually get away with

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WORKPLACE LAW

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Workplace law never ceases to amaze me — whether employer or employee,

one side is always trying to take advantage of the other. Here are just a few of the questions I was asked this week:

Can I fire an employee on maternity leave?

The answer should be no, as reinstatement is required at the end of the leave. However, due to a loophole in the legislation permitting termination only in circumstances unrelated to the leave, it happens all the time.

All an employer must do is claim there is some form of restructuring, even if it is not true, and the legislation can be circumvented.

Can I fire an employee on disability leave?

Similar to a parental leave, the answer is technically no, but practically yes. Employees cannot be fired because they are on



► You're not allowed to fire someone for being pregnant. But a legal loophole means it happens all the time.

leave, but employers do so anyway. They just call it something else and they often get away with it.

Can I look for another job while still employed?

Looking for other work while employed is not illegal. The problem is when it is done using company resources, such as computers and the Internet.

Even sending an application from your personal email account, but through your workplace computer, could be cause for dismissal.

I work through lunch and my breaks all the time. Can I leave work early?

This seems logical but the law does not permit it. Employment standards legislation requires a certain amount of break time each day, but it does not permit employees to "trade" their breaks for an early departure.

My employee claims she worked during her vacation. Must I provide her with extra time off?

= If an employee was asked to perform any work, technically she should be paid or provided with a substitute day off. Unfortunately, this rarely occurs.

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Wheeler deserves kudos, say teammates

Blake Wheeler has made himself look good this season by doing his best to make those around him look better.

Heading into Tuesday's game against Flyers, Wheeler had just 11 goals, but his 35 assists put him in a tie for 14th in the league.

This week, the league noticed what his teammates have been saying for some time, naming him the NHL's second star after he recorded a goal and seven assists in four games.

"I think he deserves a lot more recognition for what he's done for the team," said centre Bryan Little. "He comes every night to battle and compete. He's playing great. This is the best hockey I've ever seen him play."

Although he's only 26, the native of Robbinsdale, Minn., brings more experience to the Jets than many of his teammates. He spent 2½ seasons with the Boston Bruins before he was traded to the Atlanta Thrashers midway through last season.

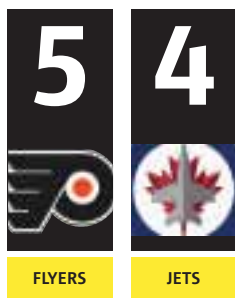
His best before this one was his first with Boston in 2008-2009, when he had 45 points, more evenly split with 21 goals and 24 assists.

At six-foot-five and just over 200 pounds, he also brings much-needed size to the Jets' offence and is a hard player to stop when he drives to the net.

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Blast from the past

► Jagr scores in overtime as Flyers beat Jets ► Pavelec makes 50 saves



Jaromir Jagr scored at 4:16 of overtime Tuesday to lift the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-4 win over the Winnipeg Jets.

Philadelphia's Wayne Simmonds sent the game into the extra period with a goal with just 10 seconds left in regulation.

Ilya Bryzgalov faced 26 shots in the victory for Philadelphia (33-19-7). Claude Giroux had a goal and two assists, while Scott Hartnell notched a goal and an assist. Maxime Talbot also scored for the Flyers.

Ondrej Pavelec turned aside 50 shots for Winnipeg (29-26-7).

Evander Kane made it 4-3 for the Jets at 4:57 of the third period on the power play.

Andrew Ladd scored a pair of goals 64 seconds apart and Dustin Byfuglien had a goal and an assist for Winnipeg. Tim Stapleton added three assists and Bryan Wheeler added two of his own.

Winnipeg was 3-for-3 on the power play and



► Jaromir Jagr scores the game-winner in overtime for the Flyers.

Philadelphia scored once in three opportunities with the man advantage.

Byfuglien got things going with his ninth goal of the season on the power play when Talbot was in the penalty box for cross-checking.

Little sent a pass across the ice to Byfuglien, who fired a one-timer that went over Bryzgalov's stick at 12:31.

Giroux tied it up three minutes later when he flipped in a backhand shot as Pavelec was trying to stretch back across the crease.

Philadelphia made it 2-1 at 1:08 of the second period with Hartnell's 28th of the season. His team-leading goal came off a rebound 11 seconds after Jets defenceman Tobias Enstrom was called for interference.

Winnipeg responded with Ladd's two quick strikes. The first came on the power play at 7:52 and was followed by his 19th of the season on a backhand past Bryzgalov at 8:56.

Philadelphia quickly tied it 3-3 at 11:14 on a close shot by Talbot.

Jets right-winger Blake

Wheeler assisted on Ladd's first to extend his points streak to four games (one goal, eight assists).

Kane put the Jets up 4-3 in the third period on a long, high shot that Bryzgalov couldn't grab with his glove.

It was the last of four games this season between the Jets and Flyers, with Winnipeg finishing 3-0-1. The teams combined for a total of 39 goals in those games, including a 9-8 Jets' win on Oct. 27 that was the highest-scoring NHL game in the last 15 years.

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Sports in brief



Yu Darvish arrived at the Texas Rangers' spring training complex Tuesday and had his first bullpen session with his new team.

Darvish got to camp in Surprise, Ariz., a day before the reporting date for Texas pitchers and catchers.

Rangers manager Ron Washington said Darvish threw about 35 pitches.

"He kept the ball down and hit his spots," Washington said. "He can sink it, he can run it."

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Lincoln MKS EcoBoost

Base price: \$55,400
Sedate sedan cruises with 355-hp turbocharged V6 and standard AWD.

Lexus GS 350

Base price: \$53,850
New rear-driver missing 120 horsepower, but AWD, hybrid available.
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Engine

The heart of the transformation to R-Spec from an ordinary Genesis sedan sits between the front fenders. The displacement of the automaker's Tau-branded V8 has been increased to 5.0-litres from 4.6 and the horsepower/torque rating to 429 and 376 pound-feet from 385/333. For comparison, that's 17 horses more than the much-celebrated-by-Ford-fans 5.0 in the Mustang GT.

The new Hyundai R-Spec, is now the only Genesis V8 model available in Canada and employs the same powerplant as the larger and more luxurious Equus.

Bells and whistles

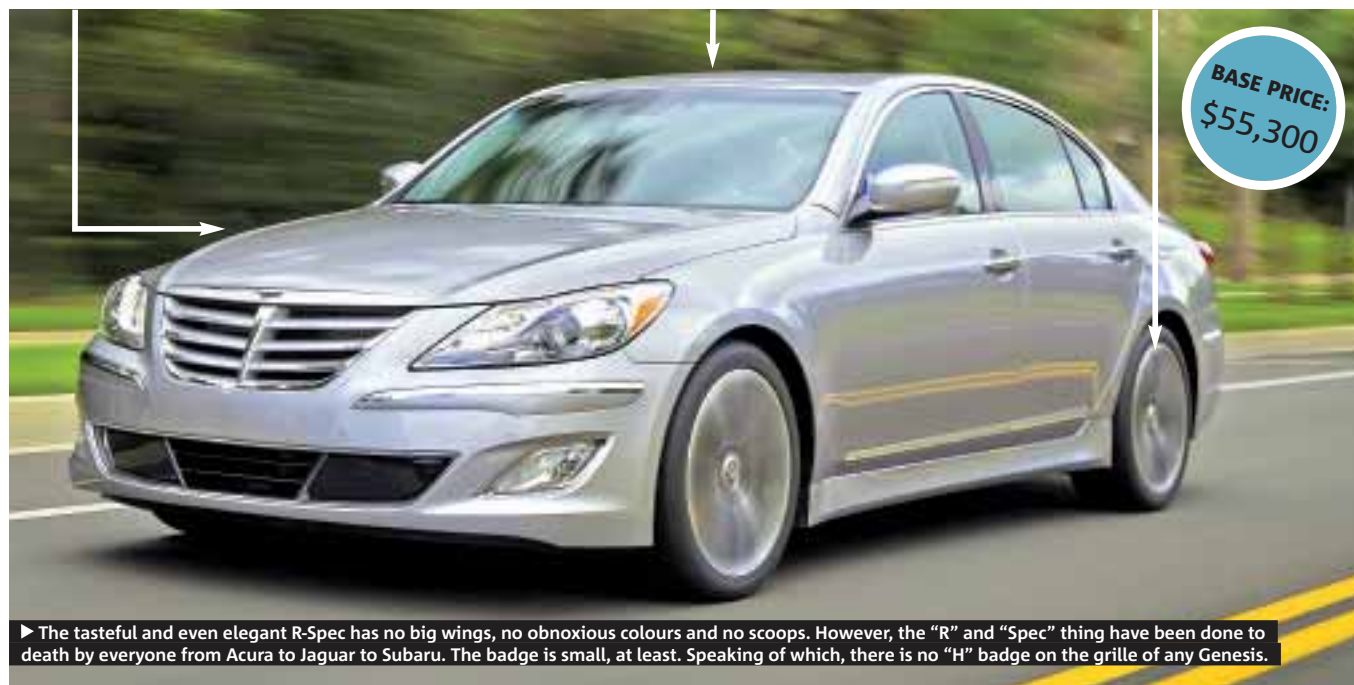
The R-spec theme continues inside with "tuxedo black" leather combined with bright trim surrounding the control panel and shifter.

And of course Hyundai's bells-and-whistles department has included most of the desirable items. That means you can count on a standard power sunroof, memory settings for the power front seats, heated front and rear seats plus steering wheel, woodgrain trim, front and rear park assist, backup camera and a 17-speaker premium sound package.

Performance

Despite the power bulge, the R-Spec still returns reasonable fuel economy of 13.1 l/100 km city and 8.1 highway.

On the performance front, Hyundai expects the R-Spec to run zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) in the low-five-second range, which is pretty decent for a hefty 1,880-kilogram sedan.



What does R-Spec spell?



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In Aretha Franklin's monster hit, she cried out for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." The one thing you could say about that song and Hyundai's similarly named Genesis "R-Spec" sedan is that they both have plenty of soul.

Hyundai has confounded more than a few critics with the success of its full-size rear-wheel-drive four-door that was launched for the 2009 model year.

How could the company that brought us the lowly Excel and subsequent econo-runners dare to think that it could run with the big dogs from Detroit, Germany and Japan?

The Genesis was a gutsy call for the Korea-based automaker, especially when fuel prices were surging and the economy was losing steam.

But the car's luxury leanings and comparatively modest price tag (likely aided by a reassuringly lengthy warranty) have allowed the Genesis to carve out a niche. It also spawned

the larger and even more luxurious Equus.

For 2012, Hyundai is branching out the Genesis, taking it on a path that involves the development of a performance brand dubbed the R-Spec. Forget the rather unoriginal "R" and "Spec" to denote performance, and consider that this car actually has real performance.

Genesis R-Spec

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (429).
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** The R-Spec label denotes improved performance in much the same way that BMW's "M" cars and Mercedes-Benz's AMG denotes added sporting flavour.

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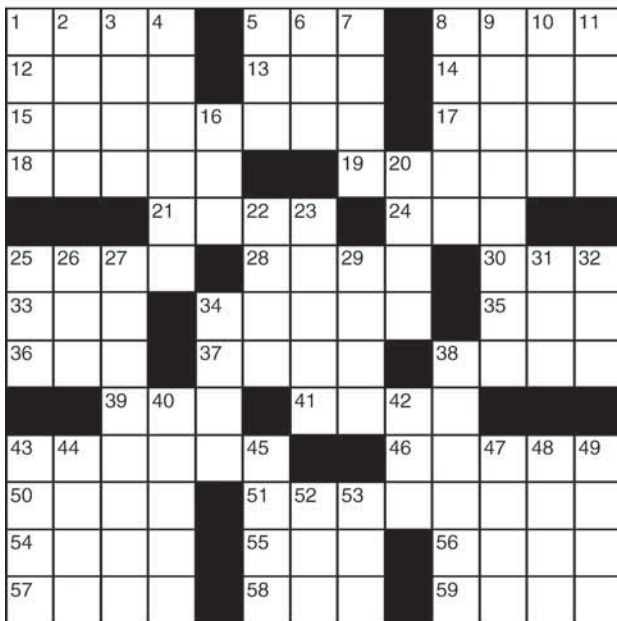
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5 Billboards
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15 Going around the Earth
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18 Rigatoni, e.g.
19 Greek underworld goddess
21 — and crafts
24 — de plume
25 Heath
28 Re planes
30 Sprite
33 Bobby of hockey
34 Oust
35 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
36 Cribbage scorer
37 Give as an example
38 Impale
39 "That feels so good!"
41 Lotion additive
43 Horse-drawn cab
46 Reserved
50 Egyptian wading bird
51 Conventional
54 Dimension
55 Pod occupant
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58 Early bird?
59 "Woe is me!"
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3 Arrests
4 Elvis' instrument

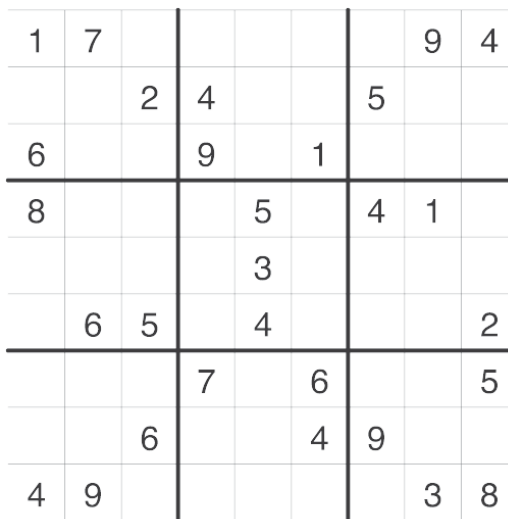


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6 Lair
7 Sound of relief
8 Lake herring
9 Decoration
10 — -yourself kit
11 Initial chip
16 Pitch
20 Certain compound
22 Urban transport
23 Dividing walls
25 Swab the deck
26 Raw rock
27 Arrange systematically
29 Spool
31 Grazing land
32 Watch chain
34 Reverberate
38 Lady of Spain
40 Item in the plus column
42 "— la la!"
43 Greet the villain
44 Slightly
45 Sulk
47 "American —"
48 Pop flavor
49 Former spouses
52 Rule, for short
53 It's game?

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Yesterday's answer

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You don't have to pretend you know all the answers. No one will think less of you for getting a few things wrong.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Someone whose power exceeds your own may seem threatening but planets indicate there is nothing he or she can do to hurt you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
If you want to get on in the world, you need to accept that setbacks and failures are inevitable.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
You may feel deflated after the events of the past few days but there are a few surprises in store.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
The planets warn there are people in your social circle who would take advantage of your generosity.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
If you fall behind in your schedule at work, you'll have to do a lot of catching up and making up later.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
There are things going on behind the scenes that you cannot possibly know about, but you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You cannot make up your mind which of two paths you should be following. Only one can lead to the inner peace you crave. Take it.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 There are a number of loose ends that need to be dealt with right away. Invest the time needed.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

If you let negative thoughts gain a foothold, they will be extremely hard to get rid of again.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You can see that a different approach is needed on the romantic front. It's not a sign of weakness to show your feelings occasionally.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You may hear something you are not supposed to hear today. If so, keep the information to yourself.

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